

REMARKS

Status of Claims

Claims 1-80 were pending. New claims 81-84 are presented. No new matter is entered.

Response to Election Requirements

The Examiner required three elections of species in paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 of the Office Action, respectively. For the paragraph 2 election, Applicants provisionally elect amplification reagent. Claims 1-80 read thereon. The paragraph 3 election is moot because neither elution buffer nor lysis reagent was provisionally elected for paragraph 2. For the paragraph 4 election, Applicants provisionally elect the following reagent locations: first segment contains a substrate, second segment contains a wash buffer, and third segment contains an amplification reagent. Claims 1-39 and 44-81, at least, read thereon. The remaining claims also read on thereon, because they do not impose limitations that would exclude the features of the provisionally elected species.

Species elections are made provisionally and for search purposes only.

Fee Payment

Applicants have paid \$100 to present four claims in excess of twenty. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any other SMALL ENTITY fee required by the filing of this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1448, ref. IQA-009.01.

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